



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

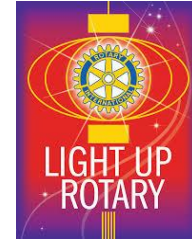
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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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Welcome! Today is the 281st day of 2014. There are 84 days remaining in the year. Our program this morning will be presented by the Visioning Committee. Our greeter is Irina Kahn.

Calendar: The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter. Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or speakmanbiz@gmail.com. Also please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

10/15 – Membership and Larry Jordan

10/18 – RLI, Lewiston

10/19 – Road Toll for Food Pantries, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair St.

10/22 – Youth Services and Glenn Huntley

10/22 – Membership Seminar at 3:00 PM, Fireside Inn, Portland

10/23 – District Visioning Workshop, 4:45 PM – 8:00 PM, location TBD

10/25 – Bridge Walk for Polio Plus, Portsmouth

10/29 – Community and Vocational Service and John Griffith

10/29 – Visioning Committee meeting at Tally Decato's house, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris.

11/1 – Students of the Month and Susan Graves

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Dennis and Lorraine King were here from Washington TWP, New Jersey. Joe Balchunas was the guest of George Rice.

Interact News – Interact is continuing to work on Project Fire to collect to collect money and goods for fire victims in the Oxford Hills. They are looking for school supplies, toiletries, warm clothes, household supplies and money donations for gift cards to local stores and restaurants. The Interactors will be joining us at our Community and Vocational Service meeting on October 29th. Club members are asked to bring in donations to support them in their efforts.

Announcements:

PE Chris Summers was master (well almost, he still has a bit of a learning curve) of ceremonies last week in the absence of President Chris Twitchell.

The t-shirts we have ordered should be ready to distribute at this morning's meeting.

The board would still like to have more members attend Interact meetings to show our support. There will be another sign-up sheet circulated this morning. If you are able to go to one of their meetings (Thursdays at 2:15, room B238 at OHCHS), please sign up and attend.

Reminder from previous weeks:

There will be a [District Membership Seminar](#) at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22 at Fireside Inn, Portland. President Chris is planning to attend and would like some company if anyone is able to go with her.

There will be a [walk across the Kittery-Portsmouth Bridge for Polio Plus](#) on Saturday, October 25th. This is modeled after the Sidney Harbor Bridge walk held at the International Conference in Sydney, Australia last June. See the district website for more information.

If there are enough participants, we will be holding a [Road Toll for the Food Pantries](#) on Sunday, October 19th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you are available to help, please speak to Bob.

[Last Week's Program:](#)

Our guest speaker was Dr. Paul Taylor from Champions of Destiny, a non-profit organization he started to help the people of Burundi in East Africa. Dr. Taylor became interested in doing something to help there after his first trip there in 2010 and he has since made 2 more trips. Burundi is a 3rd world country and ranks as either the 1st or 2nd poorest nation in the world. While a lot of the people are well educated and many speak several different languages, they are relatively naïve and have a narrow view of the world. Dr. Taylor has developed a curriculum to teach them about ethics, making wise and correct decisions and character development. In searching for ways to explain things to them, he incorporated soccer skills into his program which is something they can relate to. The primary example he gave of their thinking was the city they built on top of a mountain with the source of water 3 kilometers in the valley below. He had them get estimates to put in a well so they didn't have to walk 6 kms to get water every day. When the estimate for the well came in, it was outrageously high at \$68,000. Upon further investigation Dr. Taylor discovered that they proposed pumping the water from the valley up to the city rather than drill a well in the city. It did not occur to them that there would be water up on the mountain.

[Frank Shorey](#) e-mailed me to give me the answer to the Lobster Shorey question I had last week. It seems that Frank was a DJ in Rumford back in his younger days and his radio name was Lobster Shorey. Speaking of [Frank](#), he sent me info about his Florida club's latest fund raiser, an Oktoberfest being held on the 29th. For \$30.00, attendees get a catered German dinner, 2 drinks and live music from a German band. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation. Frank suggests that we car pool....or train pool....or plane pool. Seriously, wouldn't it be a hoot if some of us could show up for it?

[Steve Galvin](#) announced that he has accepted a position with a new TV station in Rockport, Maine, starting October 14th. This is a new opportunity that will allow him to build a station from the beginning and do more of the production work he prefers. There was a very good article in the Advertiser last week about Steve's leaving. Thank you, Steve, for your dedication to Rotary and our club. We are very happy for you but will miss you tremendously! Halloween just won't be the same!

☺ [Happy Dollars!](#) ☺ [Beth](#) had a sad dollar for the passing of Wendell Webb, a friend and member of the Fryeburg club. Wendell passed away last week as a result of complications from heart surgery. [Steve](#) had a happy and melancholy \$10, happy for his new job, sad to be leaving us. [Dennis King](#) had a thank you dollar for his visits

this year. It was good to see everyone. Susan was happy to host the Chamber After Hours on Thursday, October 2nd at Oxford Federal CU. Pat announced that she is having hip replacement surgery on October 9th and will be out of circulations for a few weeks. Tally reminded everyone about the open house at the community college. Stan was sad to have had truck issues on the way in this morning.

50/50 – Phil drew his own number but he drew the 6 of Clubs. No win so the pot rolls over.

Birthdays in October: Bruce Cook – 10/13; Terry Cole – 10/26; and the one, the only, Steve Galvin on 10/31. That's just Spooky!

Anniversaries in October: Bob and Irina Kahn, 33 years – 10/5; Curtis and Terry Cole, 29 years – 10/6; Beth and Mike Abbott, 34 years – 10/11; Tally and Lloyd Decato, 57 years – 10/19.

Membership Anniversaries in October: Chris Weston – 1 year – 10/9; Chris Summers – 2 years – 10/10; Tally Decato – 21 years – 10/20; Christina Twitchell – 3 years – 10/26.

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

www.fryeburgrotary.org

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact Meeting – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room B238

Thought for the Week from Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs:

“You can't keep trouble from coming, but you don't have to give it a chair to sit on.”

Remember the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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